PLANT FACT SHEET

Banksia grandis Willd.

GENUS *Banksia* **FAMILY** Proteaceae

COMMON NAMES Bull Banksia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar

The flowers are soaked in water to produce a sweet drink.
The nectar is also sucked directly from the plant.
It also has edible grubs.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows up to 5-10 m high and spreads 3-8 m wide. The leaves are large. They can be 50 cm long. They are held in clumps. They have triangular lobes arranged along a central spine. It has large flower spikes. They are pale yellow and 40 cm long.

HABITAT

It grows in SW regions of Western Australia. It suits temperate and semiarid regions. It can grow on alkaline soils. It can stand light frosts. It suits hardiness zones 9-11.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 75 Banksia species. They are mostly in Australia.

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